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Introductory Comments I.

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2005.

A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a request of one month is being filed concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Extension fee of \$60.00 to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394. No other fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any other fees are necessary the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.